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MGNREGS in Karnataka
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of work done in various categories under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the State of Karnataka;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory that 60% of works in a district under the MGNREGS should be linked to agriculture;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the monitoring mechanism being adopted for supervision and safeguarding the assets created under the said scheme; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government regarding stress on 60% minimum expenditure on farm related activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The category-wise percentage of work takenup against total works done in various categories under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the State of Karnataka is at Annexure.

(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. The sub-Para (2) of Paragraph 4 of Schedule 1, MGNREGA, lays down that, "District Programme Coordinator shall ensure that at least 60% of the works to be taken up in a district in terms of cost, shall be for creation of productive assets directly linked to agriculture and allied activities through development of land, water and trees".

(d)&(e): The Ministry has established a comprehensive system of monitoring and review mechanism for MGNREGA. The evaluation of works under MGNREGA is regularly done in the Performance Review Committee meetings, Video conferences and weekly meetings. State specific reviews of States are also undertaken from time to time. Officers of the Ministry and National Level Monitors also visit various districts to oversee the performance of MGNREGA. During these reviews, the implementation aspects that need strengthening are identified including the areas for improvement in the quality of assets. The percentage of expenditure on Agriculture & Agriculture Allied Works under MGNREGA is 68.5% in 2016-17 (as on 14.03.2017).

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